

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

200 W. Washington, Suite 301
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 233-0696
<http://www.in.gov/legislative>

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7073

BILL NUMBER: HB 1596

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 10, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Amendment to Medicaid Waivers for Autism.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Duncan

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to amend certain Medicaid waivers to change the waiver language from using the term "autism" to the phrase "autism spectrum disorder".

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will require the staff of the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to prepare and submit amendments to three Medicaid Section 1915 Waivers for home and community-based services. Specifically the Office would be required to amend the Autism Waiver, the Support Services Waiver, and the Mentally Retarded/ Developmentally Disabled Waiver (MR/DD) to broaden the definition of Autism for the determination of waiver services eligibility. The immediate fiscal impact to the state would be limited to the administrative duties required. The resources allocated to the Office should be sufficient to absorb these duties within the current level of available funds. The longer term impact of the bill would be to increase the number of individuals eligible for waiver services; increasing the demand for waiver slots which are, by definition, limited.

Background: Each of the three waivers affected by this bill has a waiting list. It should be noted that the waiting lists are not necessarily the best indicators of demand for a variety of reasons, including the fact that individuals may be on the waiting list for more than one waiver. As of September 19, 2002, the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services reported the following information regarding the three waivers.

Waiver	Authorized Slots	Funded Slots	Waiting List
Autism Waiver	400	400	1,900
MR/DD Waiver	5,649	4,476	8,000
Supported Services Waiver	7,000	2,333	0

The Supported Services Waiver is the most recently authorized and offers most of the services available in the MR/DD Waiver with the exception of residential habilitation and support and environmental modifications. The Support Services Waiver also has a \$13,500 annual limit for services provided under the waiver. The Waiver had about 600 individuals participating as of September 19, 2002, with all 7,000 slots scheduled to be phased in over three years.

The cost of providing home and community-based services varies substantially by waiver slot. This may be partially due to the definition of the “slot” for the waiver program and to the fact that services provided are dependent upon the individual needs of each client. A slot may be filled by only one individual per year; a slot filled for only one month is unavailable for use by another client until the next year. The table below shows the FY 2002 cost of the three waivers affected by this bill on a per client basis. The information is presented in this manner since the bill adds the higher functioning end of the autism spectrum and the additional clients eligible for these limited services would be expected to require less intense services than those individuals more severely affected.

Waiver	Low Cost	High Cost	Average Cost
Autism Waiver	\$1,064	\$185,509	\$46,904.82
MR/DD Waiver	\$16	\$332,074	\$61,586
Supported Services Waiver	\$681	\$16,495	\$10,360

These costs represent only the cost of the waiver support services provided to the individuals. They do not include the total cost of the Medicaid services provided to the clients.

Explanation of State Revenues: See *Explanation of State Expenditures* regarding expenditures in the Medicaid program for which Indiana receives federal reimbursement.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning and the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Amy Kruzan, Legislative Liaison for the Family and Social Services Administration, (317)-232-1149.

Fiscal Analyst: Kathy Norris, 317-234-1360